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State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program for Water/Wastewater Utilities Earthquake Relief Funding – Call for Projects

In June 2019, the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019 (ASADRA) established funding for drinking water and wastewater systems affected by various natural disasters, including the November 30, 2018 earthquake that impacted South Central Alaska. This funding is being made available as long term, low interest loans through the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program.

Project funding will be offered to municipally-owned water and wastewater utilities, and privately owned systems that are economically regulated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA), that were affected by the November 30, 2018 earthquake.

Eligible projects are those that will serve one or more of the following purposes:

- Facilitates preparation for, adaptation to, or recovery from rapid hydrologic change or any other type of natural disaster for a wastewater treatment work or drinking water system or related facility;
- Reduces the likelihood of physical damage to a treatment works or drinking water system;
- Reduces a treatment works' or water system's susceptibility to physical damage or ancillary impacts caused by earthquakes; or
- Facilitates preparation for, adaption to, or recovery from a sudden unplanned change in the amount of and movement of water in proximity to a treatment works or water system.

At this time, the Alaska SRF Program is evaluating the interest of eligible entities before applying to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for federal grant funds. If your utility has project needs that may be eligible for this funding opportunity, please complete the one-page Letter of Interest form in Attachment 2 and return it to the SRF Program by **December 16, 2019**. There is no limit on the number of projects a utility can submit for consideration. The total amount of funding DEC seeks will depend on the level of interest expressed by potential borrowers. Funds will be awarded to DEC and available for providing loans in Fall 2020.

All projects funded through the SRF Program, including ASADRA funded projects, are subject to federal grant requirements. Information about these requirements can be found by contacting the Alaska SRF Program or online at: http://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance-and-financing/state-revolving-fund.

If you have any questions regarding financial assistance through this call for projects, please contact Peggy Ulman, peggy.ulman@alaska.gov or 334-2681. Thank you for your anticipated input; we look forward to receiving your responses by the submission deadline.

Sincerely,

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